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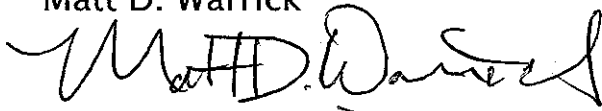
Dear IDEM staff,

I am writing to show my concern for the proposed increase in effluent discharges by BP and others into Lake Michigan. When you consider what our Great Lakes mean to us in terms of our livelihood and ecosystem it seems irresponsible and careless to have such a shortsighted vision as to how we treat the lakes. We need foresight and strict policies so that we don't enable big corporations to exploit our greatest natural resources for their gain.

Also, there are many of us who use the lake for recreation purposes. In fact, there are a large number of people who use the area around Whiting, IN for water sports. We notice when there are chemicals in the water and even some have been sick from them. We should be improving the water quality in the lake instead of deteriorating it further.

I am rigidly opposed to any increase in the current effluent discharge dumped by industries into Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes.

Matt D. Warrick

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt D. Warrick', written over a horizontal line.

Great Lakes resident and enthusiast.